

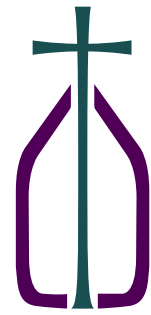


2005 Hurricane Relief Progress Report
Catholic Charities USA



To Those Who Contributed —

We at Catholic Charities USA extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude to everyone who gave to our hurricane relief effort. It is because of your generosity that these stories of ongoing success can be told.



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“They restored my faith and my hope by helping me.”

*As told to *The Washington Post* of Catholic Charities by Tyler Jones, a sheriff's deputy in New Orleans. Jones and his family lost everything to Hurricane Katrina. Catholic Charities of New Orleans was able to provide them with medical care, clothing, counseling, and other support.*



Dear Friends –

In Pope Benedict XVI's first Encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love), he tells us, "Our times call for a new readiness to assist our neighbors in need" (#30a). These words ring true as we look at the devastation brought on our nation late last August and September of 2005. The Gulf Coast endured two of the most destructive and costliest natural disasters in our history through Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. I witnessed firsthand the incomprehensible pain and devastation left in the wake of these disasters. I have also seen the good that comes when people band together to help those in need.

The Catholic Charities network has been present in every corner of the Gulf Coast region and beyond, assisting the victims of Katrina and Rita. Catholic Charities USA and the staff and volunteers from local agencies across the nation have given insurmountable love and support with such willingness, dedication, and compassion.

But our work is not done. It has been over six months since the hurricanes, and many people are still in desperate need, still living in shelters or motels, without jobs, without support, and in many cases, without hope. Catholic Charities has only begun to undertake the terrific burden felt by our brothers and sisters. We are committed to rebuilding the communities lost to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

I am proud of the Catholic Charities network, all that we have accomplished, and the solid plans we have formulated for long-term recovery. It is wonderful to see that when there is a need, people are more than willing to respond. Clearly God is at work here, providing help and creating hope.

The Holy Father reminds us "there will never be a situation where the charity of each individual Christian is unnecessary, because in addition to justice man needs, and will always need, love" (#29). Our hearts and prayers remain with all who have suffered and with those who are giving of themselves to rebuild lives in Christ's love.

Fr. Larry Snyder

Rev. Larry Snyder

President, Catholic Charities USA

Hurricane Katrina landed on the Gulf Coast August 29, 2005, affecting 5.8 million people in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. It is estimated that 700,000 of these people have been severely impacted by the flooding and structural damage the storm inflicted. More than one million people have been displaced.

Not even a month later, Hurricane Rita intensified the damage when striking Louisiana and Texas on September 21.

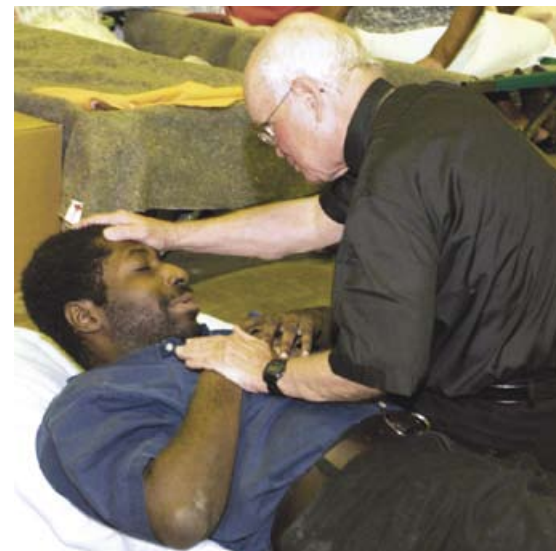


Rebuilding Lives

From the moment Hurricane Katrina first hit the Gulf Coast, over 106 Catholic Charities agencies from all across the country have been responding to the needs of over 800,000¹ children, families, and seniors. In some cases, Catholic Charities were able to provide direct financial assistance to quickly help people get back on their feet. In other cases, people have returned to Catholic Charities as new needs arise and they face new challenges.

Through the first six months of the recovery process, Catholic Charities agencies helped:

- *Almost 200,000 people with over \$16 million in direct cash assistance that provided:*
 - nearly 25,000 people with mortgage or rental assistance;
 - nearly 30,000 people with gifts cards or cash to help them purchase daily necessities
 - clothing to over 35,000 people;
 - temporary housing, moving, and transportation costs to over 15,000 people;
 - utility assistance to over 22,000 people.
- *Over 60,000 people with case management and counseling services that helped them start down the path to recovery and rebuilding.*
- *Almost 500,000 people identify and connect with a wide range of services provided by Catholic Charities and other responding agencies.*

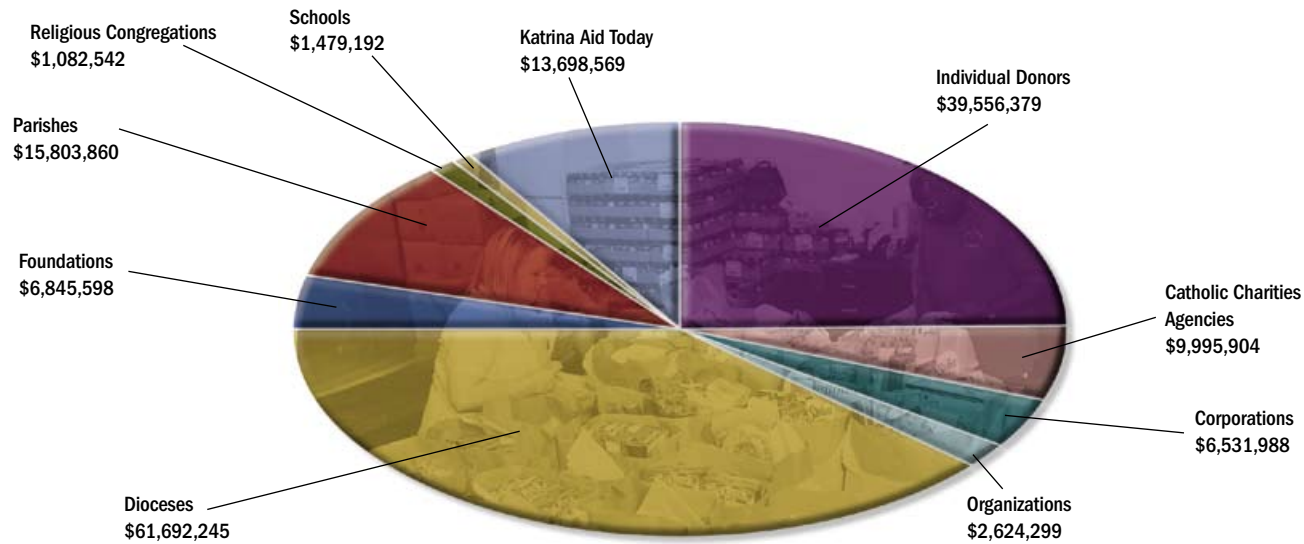


Catholic Charities USA has received \$159 million to help rebuild lives destroyed by the hurricanes. Of this, \$151.9 million (95 percent) has already been allocated and/or earmarked for specific agencies participating in Katrina and Rita recovery efforts.

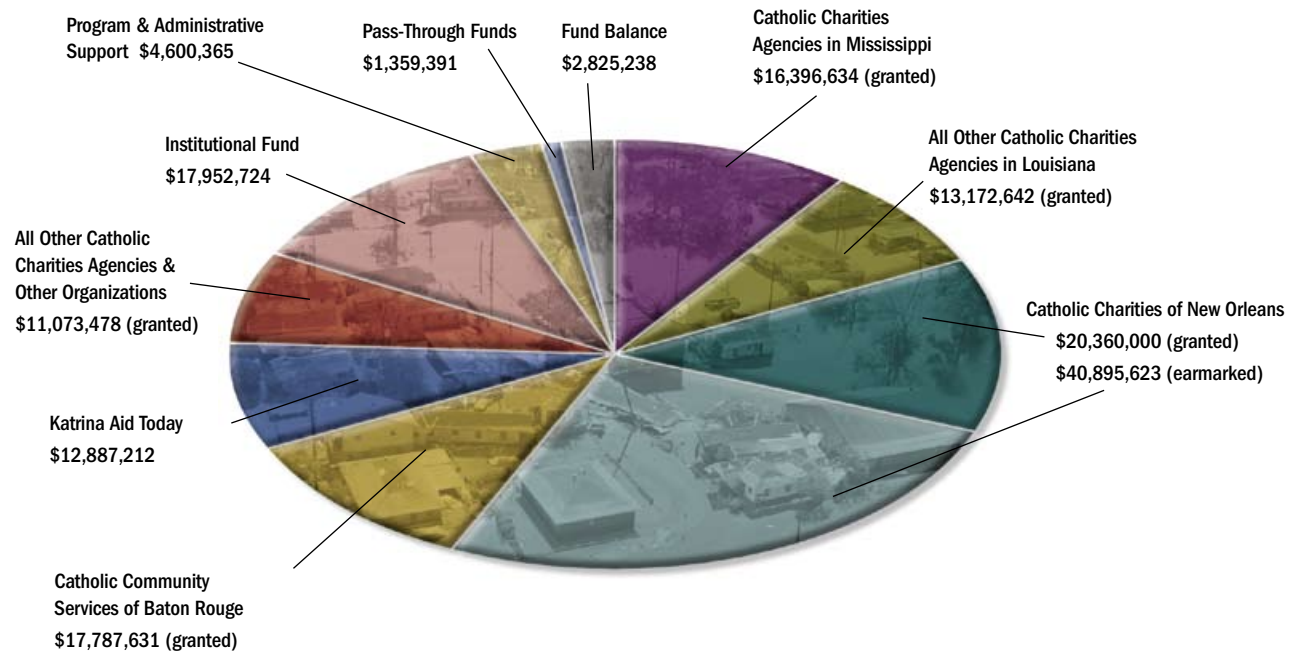
All monies donated for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita recovery will continue to be distributed as local agencies carry out their recovery work. CCUSA estimates that approximately 96 percent of the donations to its 2005 Hurricane Relief Fund will go directly to agencies working with victims. The remaining funds will be used for Catholic Charities USA's programmatic support to the responding agencies and fund administration.

¹ Data in this report was garnered from over 60 Catholic Charities agencies, which provided information about the services they offered hurricane victims through March 1, 2006. Also, information was gathered from agencies' CCUSA grant applications and communications materials, such as Web sites and newsletters. Service numbers may include duplication since some victims may return to agencies for additional help and some people received initial aid in one community and relocated to another.

■ **Donations: Total \$159,310,939**



■ **Fund Allocation: Total \$159,310,939**



Catholic Charities of New Orleans

- Amount of Catholic Charities USA Grant: \$20,360,000
- Additional Earmarked Funds: \$40,895,623
- Persons Served: 463,340



Local Experience

Jim Kelly and Gordon Wadge, co-leaders of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New Orleans (CCANO), were at the Superdome assisting the people of New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina hit. Many of them – especially the poor, aged, and medically fragile – were unable to leave the city. “We saw children without parents, parents without children, and mentally-ill people coming through the doors,” said Kelly.

The storm left CCANO with almost two-thirds of the staff unaccounted for and its facilities under water. Operations were temporarily moved northwest to Baton Rouge, where the staff at Catholic Community Services gladly shared their resources.

When Hurricane Rita hit a couple weeks later, it re-inundated the already broken city.

Services Provided

Six months later, CCANO has returned to New Orleans and has done incredible work. Despite their own losses, the staff worked to meet the needs of hurricane victims. More than 460,000 people have been served by the agency. This includes:

- helping more than 22,000 people at eight emergency service centers;
- providing 3,000 people with medical care and counseling through the agency’s mobile medical van;
- through its program Operation Helping Hands, gutting over 110 homes of the elderly, disabled, and uninsured or underinsured with the help of over 1,100 volunteers from across the country;
- distributing over 40 million pounds of food through the agency-operated Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans.



In addition, Louisiana Spirit, the agency’s outreach program that provides Katrina victims with crisis counseling and referral services has touched more than 395,000 people.

Long-Term Recovery

The city still faces tremendous challenges. Housing is one of the biggest problems. Catholic Charities of New Orleans joins in collaboration with the wider community to continue to serve those who are suffering around them. Some of the agency’s long-term plans include:

- building 5,000 affordable housing units over the next two years;
- continuing Operation Helping Hands with over 2,400 volunteers;
- providing mental health counseling;
- providing 15,000 families with crisis and job search counseling, enrolling children into schools, and rebuilding their homes;
- assisting economically disadvantaged seniors in replacing damaged furniture, appliances, and clothes;
- repairing damage to 16 of the 20 Catholic inner city schools and five of the nine Head Start centers that experienced tremendous flood damage.

Local Experience

When New Orleans evacuated for Hurricane Katrina, many of its people arrived in Baton Rouge – in shock and in great need. Baton Rouge’s population almost doubled overnight. With no electricity, the staff of Catholic Community Services (CCS) of Baton Rouge worked seven days a week doing all they could manage to help the evacuees get food, clothing, shelter, and medical supplies. Some of the staff members even took hurricane victims home with them.

Among those seeking sanctuary from the storm were members of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Christopher Homes, and Daughters of Charities. CCS welcomed them and the additional assistance they provided the evacuees.

Then the situation grew worse as people began fleeing Hurricane Rita. Some of Katrina’s evacuees were forced to move again. People were afraid and uncertain, many angry and frustrated with the overall chaos as the nation struggled to provide them with basic human needs.

CCS became a dominant force in helping local, state, and national relief efforts to rebuild lives destroyed by the storms. In collaboration with



community volunteers, the local United Way, the Knights of Columbus, the International Orthodox Christian Church, and many other charitable organizations, CCS was able to slowly shift from immediate disaster relief to long-term recovery.

Services Provided

CCS has assisted over 100,000 people. Since September, CCS has provided:

- counseling and case management services to almost 10,000 people;
- direct financial assistance of over \$2.3 million and other aid to nearly 80,000 people, including:
 - \$1 million in mortgage or rental assistance to 17,000 people;
 - clothing to almost 30,000 people;
 - over \$1.1 million in utilities assistance to almost 20,000 people.

Long-Term Recovery

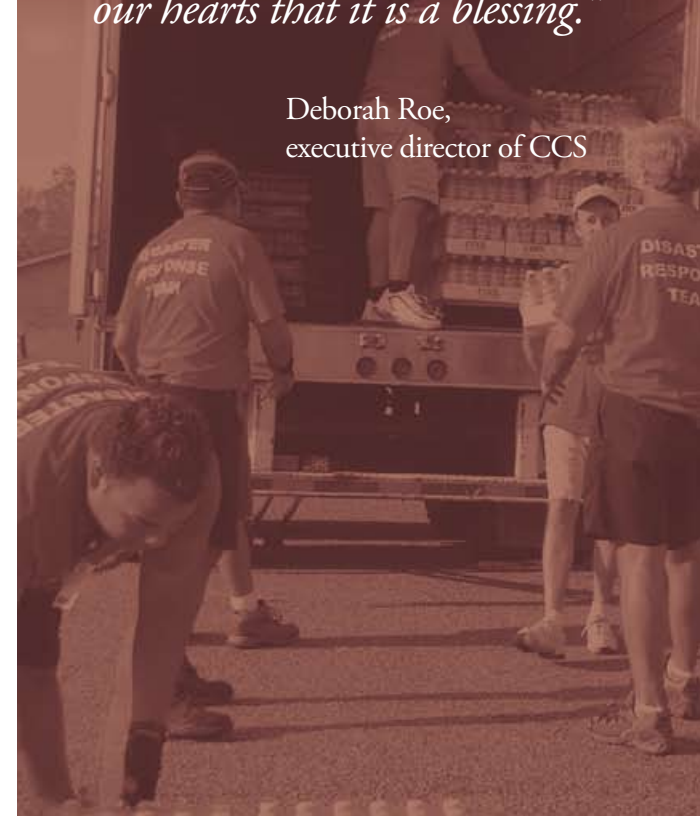
As people’s basic needs are being filled, the agency is focusing on rebuilding communities, helping families become self-sufficient, and working with victims to overcome the profound grief and trauma they lived through after the levees in New Orleans broke. Jesus Christ’s gospel vision is critical in the aftermath of the destruction, calling for attention beyond the poverty and social injustices existing prior to the hurricanes. The inequality that contributed to deep-seated poverty and social divisions must be addressed with special attention given to the most vulnerable. Throughout the forecasted five-year recovery period and by calling upon its experience, knowledge, commitment, and faith, CCS is well situated to guide “the least of these” through this horrific natural disaster.

Catholic Community Services Baton Rouge

- Amount of Catholic Charities USA Grant: \$17,787,631
- Persons Served: 103,187

“We have accepted the call to be a servant organization. We know in our hearts that it is a blessing.”

Deborah Roe,
executive director of CCS



Catholic Social & Community Services of Biloxi, MS

- Amount of Catholic Charities USA Grant: \$12,139,000
- Persons Served: 34,000

Local Experience

After Hurricane Katrina, Catholic Social and Community Services of Biloxi (CSCS) established the Office of Long-Term Disaster Recovery (LTR).

“The recovery from Hurricane Katrina continues to be a slow painful process for many of the residents of the Mississippi Gulf Coast,” said Sheri Cox Bowling, director of the new office.

Services Provided

To help residents recover, LTR has:

- opened warehouses to house all kinds of supplies – cleaning tools and products, infant supplies, special cultural dietary foods, canned food, and hygiene products – and has distributed more than 90 tons of supplies and food to help more than 8,500 families;
- gutted or cleaned out over 400 houses with the help of volunteers from across the nation. They have also participated in the repair of many roofs and total house-rewiring jobs.

Long-Term Recovery

The Office of Long-Term Disaster Recovery now has over 20 full-time staff, including 11 professional case managers. All cases for home repair undergo full case management, investigating the family’s financial situation as well as resources in determining their eligibility for assistance. LTR is also providing emergency assistance to hurricane victims in need of medication, medical needs, relocation, and financial assistance (electric bills, rent, mortgage, etc.).

The agency has secured the use of a warehouse in Bay St. Louis and is constructing two additional warehouses in Waveland and in Pass Christian. LTR has purchased two “Moo-tels” (portable barns normally used for livestock). The Moo-tels will allow LTR the flexibility of moving the warehouses as needed for shifts in repair work as well as the ability to protect them should another storm arrive. LTR has also received a donation of an 18-wheeler trailer that it is using for building material storage at St. Rose De Lima in Bay St. Louis.

Catholic Charities of Jackson, MS

- Amount of Catholic Charities USA Grant: \$3,867,634
- Persons Served: 11,049

Local Experience

After Hurricane Katrina, Jackson saw an influx of 18,000 evacuees from New Orleans and the Mississippi coast. Natchez, MS, a town of 16,000 in the diocese, gained 12,000 people. Many chose to remain in the area, with little or no resources to meet their basic needs and start over.

Services Provided

Catholic Charities of Jackson helped:

- over 9,000 people with direct financial aid, including assisting over 5,800 people with travel or moving expenses and over 1,200 people with rent and utilities;
- hundreds of displaced families and individuals in need of information and referral and/or emergency assistance;
- evacuees with much-needed supplies through its warehouse and distribution center.

Long-Term Recovery

With long-term recovery clearly a need in the diocese, the agency established the Long-Term Recovery Office to help families become self-sufficient, which includes helping them find housing and jobs.

Mental health is another big concern. The agency is working in partnership with other organizations to make therapists trained to deal with PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) available to families. The agency is also responding to referrals from the diocese’s schools, which took in more than 600 children with free tuition.



Catholic Charities of Galveston-Houston, TX

- Amount of Catholic Charities USA Grant: \$1,855,000
- Persons Served: 74,705

Local Experience

During the weeks after Katrina, hundreds of thousands of evacuees from New Orleans escaped to Houston. Thousands found their way to Catholic Charities, including a sizeable group of former Vietnamese refugees that had been resettled by the agency in New Orleans.

Then Hurricane Rita devastated miles and miles of rural coastline and Houston again felt the impact – the number of evacuees seeking shelter in the city increased to over 300,000.

With a team of volunteers and staff, including six employees of Catholic Charities of New Orleans and case managers from Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York and of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, the agency worked tirelessly to meet the needs of these evacuees.

Services Provided

Catholic Charities of Galveston-Houston helped over 74,000 people. Of this, over 14,000 of them received a combined total of more than \$1.5 million in direct assistance.

Long-Term Recovery

Long-term recovery programs are already underway in Houston. Partnering with the City of Houston and the United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast, Catholic Charities is working to rebuild the lives of hurricane evacuees. Over the next two years, programs will assist families to:

- find appropriate and affordable housing;
- obtain sufficient income to support their basic needs;
- access additional support services such as health care, job training and placement, counseling, and continuing education;
- orient family members to a new neighborhood and local community.



Office of Justice and Peace, Diocese of Lafayette, LA

- Amount of Catholic Charities USA Grant: \$4,675,000
- Persons Served: 15,464

Local Experience

After Katrina, more than 30,000 evacuees came to the Diocese of Lafayette seeking shelter, food, and other social services. Many parishes opened their doors, collected supplies, and provided numerous volunteers to assist evacuees. Then Hurricane Rita hit, devastating the coastal areas of the diocese, damaging over 7,800 homes, and also forcing the Katrina victims to evacuate again. They returned and joined Hurricane Rita evacuees at shelters and Catholic Social Service centers.

Services Provided

The Diocese's Office of Justice and Peace provided immediate care to thousands of families displaced after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and mobilized graduates of the JustFaith Ministries in assisting opening shelters and private homes to evacuees and cleaning churches and other damaged diocesan buildings.

Long-Term Recovery

With thousands of homes damaged, the diocese has organized a project to help families repair their homes, and many groups of volunteers are coming in from all over the region. Counseling and case management will be addressed through grief, loss, and anger management sessions.

Catholic Social Services of Houma-Thibodaux, LA

- Amount of Catholic Charities USA Grant: \$4,333,392
- Persons Served: 7,586

Local Experience

Catholic Social Services (CSS) of Houma-Thibodaux assisted local shelters in providing for thousands of evacuees from New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. While this first storm inflicted minimal damage to the area, Hurricane Rita flooded over 10,000 homes.

Services Provided

CSS helped more than 7,500 people through such services as:

- stocking shelters with provisions like first aid kits, diapers, toiletries, and blankets;
- helping evacuees register for government-provided emergency assistance;
- paying rent, rental and utility deposits, and buying furniture for evacuees leaving temporary housing for apartments;
- distributing cleaning supplies to victims of Rita.

Long-Term Recovery

In collaboration with other local agencies, CSS plans to help communities with home elevations and repairs, sewer treatment plants, and other unmet needs.



Catholic Social Services of Lake Charles, LA

- Amount of Catholic Charities USA Grant: \$3,689,250
- Persons Served: 4,487

Local Experience

Before Hurricane Rita, Lake Charles was already assisting Hurricane Katrina evacuees. Then Hurricane Rita hit the diocese in late September. The hurricane devastated several parishes (counties) and completely destroyed Cameron Parish, displacing 10,000 of its residents.

Services Provided

The focus of the diocese was to see to the pastoral and temporal needs of the people as they rebuild by offering spiritual guidance, financial assistance, and basic resources.

Long-Term Recovery

In the wake of Hurricane Rita, RECSS (Relief Efforts of Catholic Social Services) was formed to provide assistance and relief, particularly to the residents of Cameron and Calcasieu parishes. Clients will be seen by an individual case manager and after a short interview, the needs of the individual or family will be addressed through assistance with utility bills, rental assistance, gasoline vouchers, etc. RECSS is also providing rebuilding materials. Additionally, clients are able to receive referrals to employment resources, health care, housing, and spiritual guidance. To address the long-term needs of the hurricane victims, RECSS is establishing a comprehensive case management program, working with the Family and Youth Counseling Program in the community.

Nationwide Response

The United States has experienced a humanitarian crisis not seen in our country since the Great Depression. More than 106 Catholic Charities agencies across the country have responded in one way or another to help families recover.

Hundreds of thousands of evacuees have fanned out across the country, most having few or no personal possessions and little hope of returning home soon, or at all. Numerous Catholic Charities have offered assistance in some way. Listed are short snapshots of the many, many services provided by these agencies in Catholic Charities' national network. A more detailed description of the relief efforts is available on our Web site at <http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/news/HurricaneRelief05.cfm>.

Catholic Charities, Birmingham, AL, found itself on the evacuation route from the Gulf Coast and helped thousands of evacuees from Louisiana and Mississippi with food, utilities, shelter, and education assistance.

Catholic Social Services, Mobile, AL, assisted 1,000 of the 2,300 residents of a fishing village named Bayou La Batre that was completely destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Catholic Community Services, Alexandria, LA, provided many supplies including bedding, towels, washcloths, and small kitchen items to over 6,000 people.

Diocese of Shreveport, LA, took in 40 members of the Sisters of the Holy Family, an African American order from New Orleans founded in 1842. The

sisters are teaching in the Catholic schools, which welcomed 520 new students.

Catholic Family Service, Inc., Amarillo, TX, received more than 125 persons from New Orleans into the Red Cross-operated mass shelter.

Catholic Charities of Central Texas, Austin, TX, partnered with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Office of Black Catholics to offer transportation for evacuees sheltered in the convention center moving to apartments. The agency has provided services to over 4,000 people.

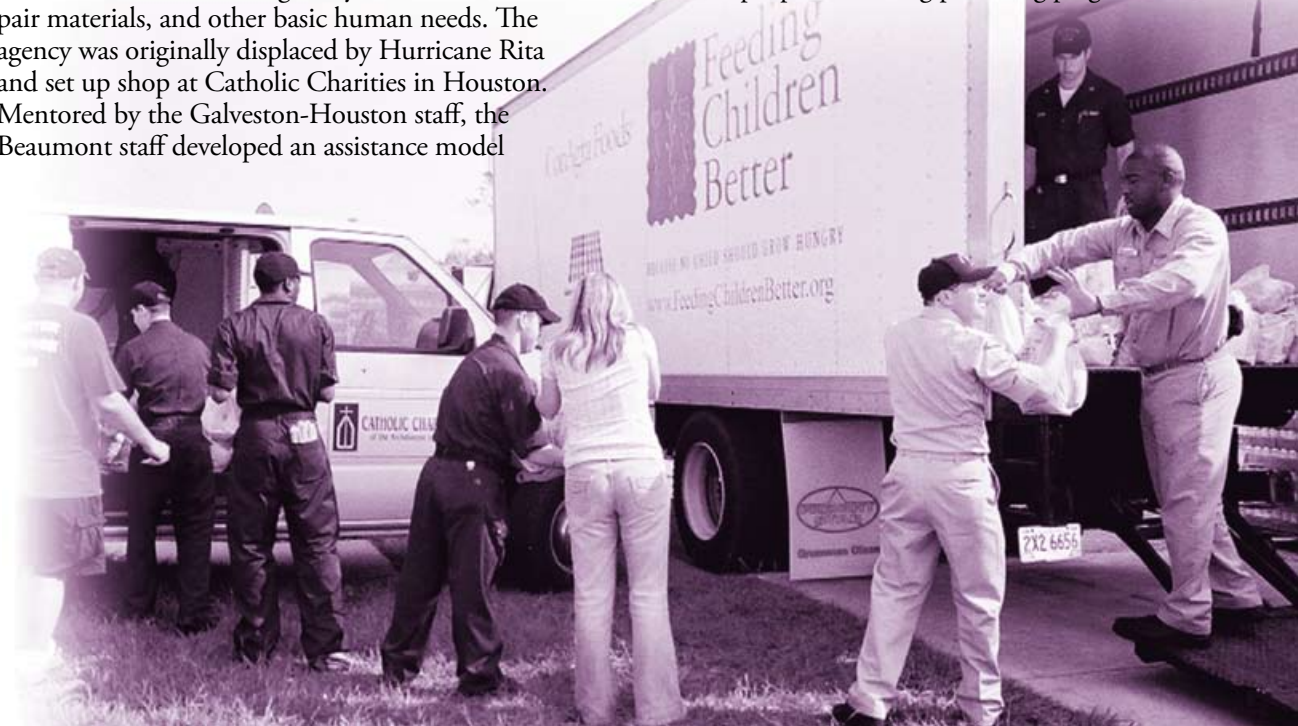
Catholic Charities, Beaumont, TX, served 3,292 households, including distributing \$370,240 in direct disaster assistance to help families purchase food, medication, clothing, baby items, home repair materials, and other basic human needs. The agency was originally displaced by Hurricane Rita and set up shop at Catholic Charities in Houston. Mentored by the Galveston-Houston staff, the Beaumont staff developed an assistance model

that continues with a long-term recovery focus. When they returned they were assisted by loaned Catholic Charities staff from Arizona, Chicago, New Jersey, New York, and Virginia.

Catholic Charities, Corpus Christi, TX, provided evacuees living in the rural communities or *Colonias* with medical care, prescription medications, and screenings for diabetes, hypertension, prenatal care, and more.

Catholic Charities, Dallas, TX, worked with the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program to provide legal relief clinics to victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Catholic Charities, Inc., Fort Worth, TX, assisted over 2,000 people, including providing pregnant



women from the affected areas with prenatal counseling through its Healthy Start program.

Catholic Family Service, Lubbock, TX, assisted over 230 evacuees with clothing, food, and furniture.

Catholic Charities, San Antonio, TX, helped State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon coordinate her Adopt-a-Family initiative, encouraging individuals and churches to help evacuee families settle and reclaim a sense of normalcy in their lives.

Catholic Charities, Tyler, TX, a brand new agency, was originally slated for a fall 2005 opening, but Hurricane Katrina brought thousands of evacuees to East Texas, which expedited its formation.

Catholic Charities of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR, helped provide disaster relief, case management, and resettlement assistance through 115 volunteer relief coordinators at the parish level to more than 5,000 evacuees of the hurricanes. It set up



a warehouse to distribute clothing donated by parishes throughout the nation. In addition, Catholic Charities of Metuchen, NJ, sent and supported staff to help start the disaster office and train the volunteers.

Catholic Charities Community Services, Phoenix, AZ, gave information and referral aid to over 200 evacuees with 120 receiving over \$21,000 in direct financial assistance.

Catholic Community Services, Tucson, AZ, provided medical care and other services to almost 100 people, including a woman who had a mastectomy days before evacuating, though its primary care clinic at St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

Catholic Charities, Los Angeles, CA, has assisted over 800 individuals, from 330 families to access housing, food, clothing, dental and medical assistance, and furniture. Much of this program has been coordinated through a long-term Adopt-A-Family Program in which local parishes sponsor evacuees referred by agencies such as Red Cross and FEMA.

Catholic Charities of the East Bay, Oakland, CA, disbursed over \$150,000 in basic needs grants, housing assistance, transportation assistance, and miscellaneous expenses for items such as medication and textbooks.

Catholic Charities, San Diego, CA, established, with the Red Cross, a community plan of non-profits, county, and city agencies to meet the needs of evacuees.

Catholic Charities CYO, San Francisco, CA, paid for plane fares so that evacuees could be reunited with family members. It has provided direct assistance to over 150 people.

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, San Jose, CA, spent over 900 staff hours providing case management and direct financial assistance to 189 evacuees.

Catholic Charities-Orange County, Santa Ana, CA, offered emergency services and counseling. It also helped evacuees find housing and jobs and enroll in school.

Catholic Charities, Santa Rosa, CA, provided mental health counseling, cash assistance for housing and utilities, gas and food vouchers, and used cars among its services to evacuees.

Catholic Charities, Colorado Springs, CO, provided funds to the local mental health agency for prescriptions.

Catholic Charities & Community Services, Denver, CO, worked with the Colorado Division of Housing to act as the conduit for providing housing throughout most of the state.

Catholic Charities of Fairfield County, Bridgeport, CT, sent several truckloads of home furnishings for 20 apartments in Houston for evacuees.

Catholic Charities and Family Services, Norwich, CT, collected donations for Catholic Charities USA 2005 Hurricane Relief Fund as well as provided direct financial assistance, clothing, and counseling and other services to evacuees in its community.

Catholic Community Services, Washington, DC, served almost 700 survivors; 66 individuals were placed in long-term housing, and 84 individuals were helped in transitioning from short-term placement to long-term placement.

Seven Florida Catholic Charities Agencies (Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Palm Beach, Pensacola, St. Petersburg, and Venice) adopted the Diocese of Biloxi by offering technical assistance, providing staff, and establishing over 20 relief centers.

Catholic Charities Bureau Diocese of St. Augustine, Jacksonville, FL, provided assistance to over 3,300 evacuees, including extensive assistance in housing and relocation services.

Catholic Charities, Miami, FL, immediately set up several relief centers after Katrina came ashore in South Florida as a Category 1 hurricane, leaving extensive flooding and massive crop loss in her wake. The agency also aided evacuees that had come into its community and sent personnel to assist the Catholic Charities agencies in the Gulf Coast.

Catholic Charities, Orlando, FL, helped 20 damaged and destroyed parishes on the Mississippi Gulf Coast get back on their feet by assisting with repairs and rebuilding efforts and providing humanitarian aid to parishioners.

Catholic Charities, Palm Beach, FL, in collaboration with parishes and community partners – Corn Maya, El Sol, and the town of Jupiter, FL – is opening a resource center for immigrants, primarily Guatemalans. The program will have bilingual counseling, Mayan translation, ESL, financial assistance, a migrant workers' office, a labor center, and other services.

Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida, Pensacola, FL, served almost 5,000 evacuees including providing over \$125,000 in direct financial assistance for housing, utilities, and moving.

Catholic Charities, St. Petersburg, FL, served, along with HUD, Hillsborough County, and Pinellas County, more than 900 people with funds for rental, utilities, deposits, furniture, household items, food clothing, and gift cards.

Catholic Charities, Venice, FL, served over 14,000 evacuees including 6,200 children.

Catholic Charities, Atlanta, GA, has provided over \$275,000 in direct financial assistance. It also established a counseling hotline for hurricane victims and met spiritual needs by providing rosaries, bibles, and Mass schedules when requested.

Catholic Social Services, Savannah, GA, assisted over 300 people with food, clothing, diapers, and, in a few cases, housing.



Catholic Charities Idaho, Boise, ID, funded a shipment of two 27-foot trailers, filled with first aid and emergency supplies, food and water, pet supplies, baby supplies, hygiene items, and mattresses.

Catholic Charities, Belleville, IL, provided gift cards to help families purchase food, medication, and pay for travel expenses.

Catholic Charities, Chicago, IL, served over 500 people. It opened Solace Place, a renovated convent, to house 19 families (42 individuals).

Catholic Charities, Joliet, IL, arranged with a local landlord to house two families in apartments for \$400 a month-no deposit, and provided two months rent.

Catholic Charities, Peoria, IL, served over 100 people and encouraged staff to join relief efforts by granting paid time-off to those volunteering in the Gulf Coast.

Catholic Charities, Springfield, IL, participated in CCUSA's Operation Home Away From Home program, matching rental property owners with families needing a place to stay.

Catholic Charities, Ft. Wayne-South Bend, IN, provided support to 244 evacuees with clothing, medication, housing, and utilities assistance.

Catholic Charities, Indianapolis, IN, expanded services in its Catholic Charities Crisis Office to provide assistance to over 140 people displaced by the hurricanes.

Catholic Charities, Salina, KS, served 12 evacuees with extensive counseling and case management services.

Catholic Charities, Inc., Wichita, KS, provided certificates for food, clothing, hygiene needs, school supplies, car repairs, and housing for over 200 families.

Catholic Social Services, Covington, KY, served almost 100 evacuees with case management and direct financial assistance.

Catholic Charities, Louisville, KY, participated in the metro government's Family Assistance Center – a one-stop shop to various agencies that helped people get their affairs in order.

Catholic Charities Maine, Portland, ME, served as the lead agency in helping hurricane evacuees who traveled to Maine find temporary and/or permanent housing.

Catholic Charities, Baltimore, MD, sent six employees to Catholic Social Services of Houma-Thibodaux to provide case management services to evacuees there. It also provided referrals and direct financial assistance to over 500 people.

Catholic Charities, Boston, MA, offered professional counseling and case management services to evacuees at Camp Edwards.

Catholic Charities, Springfield, MA, participated in the Operation Home Away From Home program to provide housing to the displaced. The agency has served over 350 people.

Catholic Charities, Lansing, MI, received 140 new neighbors, all victims of Hurricane Katrina, and assisted them in starting over.

Catholic Charities, Marquette, MI, assisted a local father with the burial of his son, killed in Katrina, by providing the family with grief counseling, assistance with the funeral home, and general support during the tragic process.

Catholic Charities, St. Cloud, MN, staff traveled to Mississippi and New Orleans to assist agencies in the aftermath of the storms.

Catholic Charities, St. Paul-Minneapolis, MN, provided resource coordination to ensure that immediate and long-term health and mental health, housing, educational, and employment needs are met for 100 families for up to one year.

Catholic Charities, Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO, partnered with the Full Employment Council of Kansas City to assist evacuees with job opportunities and placement.

Catholic Charities, St. Louis, MO, provided services to over 5,000 people, including organizing a job and housing fair attended by 250 evacuees wishing to relocate to St. Louis. Dozens of property owners and employers came offering opportunities for affordable housing and employment.

Catholic Charities, Omaha, NE, provided extended case management services for 43 evacuees whose pre-hurricane situation identified them as vulnerable by reason of behavioral health issues and/or homelessness.

Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, NV, provided more than 300 hurricane families with Thanksgiving turkeys and food baskets. The children of 250 hurricane families received Christmas toys and clothing.

Catholic Charities, Camden, NJ, established the Hurricane Katrina Hotline to assist evacuees in relocating to the Southern New Jersey area following the disaster.

Catholic Charities, Paterson, NJ, communicated A Home to Home Program throughout the diocese with people offering their homes to evacuees.

Catholic Charities, Trenton, NJ, which served over to over 1,500 people, provided a toll-free number for evacuees to contact a case manager and/or mental health counselor with the Disaster Response Program and discuss their needs and concerns.

Catholic Charities, Albuquerque, NM, purchased beds for more than 100 evacuees who arrived in the community and provided direct financial assistance to over 400 people.

Catholic Charities, Albany, NY, had more than three dozen volunteers travel to Catholic Community Services of Baton Rouge to serve as caseworkers, providing medical services, starting a crisis respite program, and providing other services as needed.

Catholic Charities, Brooklyn, NY, spent over 800 hours assisting over 400 evacuees with housing, clothing, tuition, and case management assistance.

Catholic Charities, Buffalo, NY, had five staff members, all of whom trained with the local Metropolitan Medical Response System, assist Catholic Charities of Beaumont, TX.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Rockville Centre, Hicksville, NY, served more than 100 evacuees who found their way to Long Island through collaboration of local parish social ministry programs and other nonprofit agencies.

Catholic Charities, New York, NY, sent 10 staff members, in cooperation with Catholic Charities of Brooklyn, to support and expand the relief efforts of Catholic Charities in Houston.

Catholic Charities, Syracuse, NY, is organizing project Southern Comfort to help families with their efforts to clean out their homes and to prepare for the extensive renovations required after flood damage.

Catholic Social Services, Charlotte, NC, worked with government, civic, and faith-based entities to prepare for and respond to the needs of Katrina evacuees.

Catholic Charities, Raleigh, NC, facilitated a special six-hour training program for faith groups, civic organizations, and business helping evacuees.

Catholic Social Services of Southwestern Ohio, Cincinnati, OH, aided 90 families displaced by Hurricane Katrina with housing, job placement, and educational assistance.

Catholic Charities Health & Human Services, Cleveland, OH, responded to over 150 people who evacuated to Northeast Ohio from the Gulf region, providing employment services, day care services, medical services, and counseling.

Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley, Dayton, OH, served families from the Gulf Coast with resettlement and long-term housing and provided case management services to almost 100 people.

Catholic Charities, Youngstown, OH, participated in collaborative efforts to assist evacuees who have relocated to the area by helping with security deposits, first month's rent, and advocacy on behalf of evacuees.

Catholic Charities, Oklahoma City, OK, coordinated a Parish to Family program in which parishes sponsored 27 evacuee families, helping them locate safe housing, assisting with financial needs, and providing mentoring and emotional support.

Catholic Charities Inc., Portland, OR, sent two disaster relief advocates to Catholic Charities of San Antonio, TX, to help the agency serve some of the thousands of victims who evacuated to San Antonio.

Catholic Charities, Erie, PA, developed an emergency provider contact list for case management teams of all service providers that provided free services and/or free resources. The agency has served over 60 people.

Catholic Charities, Harrisburg, PA, assisted in housing and utilities assistance for evacuees.

Catholic Social Services, Philadelphia, PA, identified and screened 25 houses or apartments as potential temporary housing in collaboration with Operation Home Away From Home efforts. Direct financial assistance and case management was provided to over 100 people.

Catholic Charities, Pittsburgh, PA, worked with 60 parishes and local government agencies to help meet the many needs of those who have suffered substantial losses.

Catholic Charities, Charleston, SC, worked closely with BonSecours St. Francis Hospital in Greenville, which offered host homes to medical personnel coming in from other St. Francis hospitals in their network.

Catholic Charities of East Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, served as drop-off points for donations of bottled water, diapers, and toiletries, which were then delivered to hurricane-ravaged areas in Mississippi.

Catholic Charities Inc., Memphis, TN, assisted over 2,000 evacuees and housed 110 evacuees at its St. Peter Home. Staff and volunteers worked round the clock for three days to clean, repair and stock essential items in the former residential facility for teenage girls, which provided evacuees with individual cottages.



Catholic Charities of Tennessee, Nashville, TN, continues to work with 75 displaced families. In addition, many evacuees, who had not previously sought help, are now calling for assistance. Evacuee families have been assisted by a dozen different programs at Catholic Charities. They have also hosted a series of community gatherings for evacuees to encourage them to share stories and gather information.

Vermont Catholic Charities, Burlington, VT, assisted families displaced by the hurricane in replacing household items, gaining employment, and repairing cars including new winter tires.

Catholic Charities, Arlington, VA, participated in the diocesan-wide relief effort, Partners in New Hope, which has served over 126 households and 342 individuals. In February, the agency's St. Martin de Porres Senior Center hosted a Mardi Gras celebration for 50 evacuees.

Commonwealth Catholic Charities, Richmond, VA, provided holistic support to evacuees, including helping them find housing and furniture, connect to credit management program to pay old bills, and access food stamps.

Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia, Virginia Beach, VA, served over 1,000 people with community resource information and connected them with church groups or individual sponsors that opened their hearts to meet the variety of short-term needs.

Catholic Community Services of Western Washington, Seattle, WA, responded to the needs of the hurricane victims by providing resettlement services through its Refugee Assistance Program. It has served over 500 people.

Catholic Charities, Spokane, WA, worked directly with diocesan parishes and the medical community to assist over 200 people with temporary housing, medical care, clothing, food, and used vehicles.

Catholic Charities, Yakima, WA, provided housing and medication assistance to evacuees.

Catholic Charities, La Crosse, WI, worked in partnership with the Red Cross and the Salvation Army in meeting the immediate material and psychological needs of evacuees who relocated to their diocese.

Catholic Charities, Madison, WI, assisted in case management and referrals for 35 evacuees.

Catholic Charities, Milwaukee, WI, in addition to serving over 300 evacuees, served as the liaison to the archdiocesan effort, Rebuilding Lives, Restoring Hope, to help rebuild Our Lady of the Gulf Parish in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Catholic Charities Bureau, Superior, WI, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development programs, made housing available in affordable apartments to persons and families who relocated in northern Wisconsin as a result of the hurricane.

Catholic Charities USA Allocation of 2005 Hurricane Relief Funds

These amounts reflect humanitarian grants that have been funded to Catholic Charities agencies and affiliated Catholic organizations as of April 30, 2006. Other funds have been earmarked for future projects for long-term recovery initiatives.

ALABAMA	
Catholic Charities of Birmingham, AL	\$10,000.00
Center for Concern, Birmingham, AL	\$10,000.00
Catholic Social Services of Robertsdale, AL	\$100,000.00
Catholic Social Services of Mobile, AL	\$600,000.00
Catholic Social Services of Tuscaloosa, AL	\$10,000.00
Knights of Peter Claver, Mobile, AL	\$10,000.00
Providence Hospital, Mobile, AL	\$300,000.00

ARKANSAS	
Catholic Charities of Arkansas	\$10,000.00

CALIFORNIA	
Catholic Charities of Orange County, CA	\$10,000.00
Catholic Charities CYO of San Francisco, CA	\$10,000.00
Catholic Charities of Santa Rosa, CA	\$10,000.00
Catholic Charities of the East Bay, CA	\$177,985.00

COLORADO	
Catholic Charities of Colorado Springs, CO	\$10,000.00
Catholic Charities and Community Services of Denver, CO	\$10,000.00
Foundation for Human Enrichment-Trauma Outreach Niwot, CO	\$250,000.00

CONNECTICUT	
Catholic Charities and Family Services of Norwich, CT	\$10,000.00

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	
Catholic Community Services of Washington, DC	\$10,000.00

FLORIDA	
Catholic Charities of Miami, FL	\$86,020.00
Catholic Charities of Palm Beach, FL	\$224,500.00
Catholic Charities of St. Petersburg, FL	\$10,000.00
Catholic Charities of Venice, FL	\$360,145.00

GEORGIA	
Catholic Charities of Atlanta, GA	\$760,000.00

ILLINOIS	
Catholic Charities of Chicago, IL	\$10,000.00
Catholic Charities of Joliet, IL	\$20,000.00
Catholic Charities of Southern Illinois	\$10,000.00

KANSAS	
Catholic Charities of Salina, KS	\$10,000.00

KENTUCKY	
Catholic Charities of Louisville, KY	\$10,000.00
Catholic Social Services of Covington, KY	\$10,000.00

LOUISIANA	
Catholic Social Services of Lake Charles, LA	\$3,689,250.00
Diocese of Lafayette's Office of Justice and Peace, Lafayette, LA	\$4,675,000.00

Catholic Community Services of Alexandria, LA	\$110,000.00
Diocese of Shreveport, LA	\$110,000.00
Catholic Social Services of Houma-Thibodaux, LA	\$4,333,392.00
Catholic Community Services of Baton Rouge, LA	\$17,787,631.00
Catholic Charities of New Orleans, LA	\$20,360,000.00
The Institute for Black Catholic Studies, Xavier University, New Orleans, LA	\$100,000.00
Marianite of the Holy Cross, New Orleans, LA	\$55,000.00
Sisters of the Holy Family	\$100,000.00

MARYLAND	
Society of St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart, Baltimore, MD	\$25,000.00

MASSACHUSETTS	
Catholic Charities of Springfield, MA	\$95,000.00

MICHIGAN	
Catholic Charities of Lansing, MI	\$85,000.00
St. Vincent de Paul of Detroit, MI	\$10,000.00

MINNESOTA	
Catholic Charities of St. Cloud, MN	\$2,104.00

MISSOURI	
Catholic Charities of St. Louis, MO	\$795,000.00
The Society of St. Joseph, Kansas City, MO	\$100,000.00

Society of St. Vincent De Paul, St. Louis, MO	\$200,000.00
The Order of the Servants of Mary, Kansas City, MO	\$200,000.00

MISSISSIPPI

Catholic Charities of Jackson, MS	\$3,867,634.00
Catholic Social and Community Services of Biloxi, MS	\$12,139,000.00
Diocese of Biloxi	\$190,000.00
Our Lady of Fatima, Biloxi, MS	\$200,000.00

NEW JERSEY

Catholic Charities of Paterson, NJ	\$70,000.00
Catholic Charities of Camden, NJ	\$10,000.00
Catholic Charities of Trenton, NJ	\$10,000.00

NEW YORK

Catholic Charities of Buffalo, NY	\$10,000.00
Diocese of Syracuse, NY	\$41,881.00

NORTH CAROLINA

Catholic Charities of Raleigh, NC	\$10,000.00
Catholic Social Services of Charlotte, NC	\$10,000.00

OHIO

Catholic Social Services of Miami Valley, OH	\$10,000.00
Catholic Charities Health and Human Services of Cleveland, OH	\$10,000.00
Catholic Charities of Youngstown, OH	\$10,000.00
St. Joseph/St. Lawrence Churches of Ironton, OH	\$6,000.00

OKLAHOMA

Catholic Charities of Oklahoma City, OK	\$60,000.00
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PENNSYLVANIA

Catholic Charities of Erie, PA	\$10,000.00
St. Martin Center, Diocese of Erie, PA	\$10,000.00

TENNESSEE

Catholic Charities of Memphis, TN	\$10,000.00
Catholic Charities of Chattanooga, TN	\$10,000.00
Catholic Charities of East Tennessee, TN	\$126,698.00
Catholic Charities of Nashville, TN	\$160,000.00

TEXAS

Catholic Family Services of Amarillo, TX	\$10,000.00
Catholic Charities of Beaumont, TX	\$800,178.00
Catholic Charities of Central Texas	\$1,493,358.00
Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi, TX	\$20,000.00
Catholic Charities of Dallas, TX	\$75,000.00
Catholic Charities of Ft. Worth, TX	\$110,000.00
Catholic Charities of Galveston-Houston, TX	\$1,855,000.00
Catholic Charities of Tyler, TX	\$1,305,000.00

Catholic Family Services of Lubbock, TX	\$10,000.00
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Dallas, TX	\$50,000.00

VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Catholic Charities, VA	\$10,000.00
Catholic Charities of Arlington, VA	\$20,000.00
Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia	\$10,000.00

VERMONT

Vermont Catholic Charities	\$16,000.00
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WASHINGTON

Catholic Community Services of Western Washington	\$21,955.94
Catholic Family & Child Service of Yakima, WA	\$10,000.00

WISCONSIN

Catholic Charities of Madison, WI	\$10,000.00
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TOTAL	\$78,789,685.94
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KATRINA AID TODAY GRANTEES	\$12,887,212.00
Catholic Charities of Arkansas	
Catholic Charities of the East Bay, CA	
Catholic Charities of San Diego, CA	
Catholic Charities of Denver, CO	
Catholic Charities Bureau of St. Augustine, FL	
Catholic Charities of St. Petersburg, FL	
Catholic Social Services of Atlanta, GA	
Catholic Charities of Chicago, IL	
Catholic Community Services of Baton Rouge, LA	
Catholic Social Services of Houma-Thibodaux, LA	
Catholic Charities of New Orleans, LA	
Diocese of Lafayette, LA	

Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Office of Social Ministry
Catholic Charities of St. Louis, MO
Catholic Charities of Jackson, MS
Catholic Social and Community Services of Biloxi, MS
Catholic Charities of Paterson, NJ
Catholic Charities of Trenton, NJ
Catholic Charities of East Tennessee
Catholic Charities of Middle Tennessee
Catholic Charities of Central Texas
Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc.
Catholic Charities of Tyler, TX
Catholic Charities of Galveston-Houston, TX
Catholic Charities of Spokane, WA

ALLOCATION OF INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS	
LOUISIANA	
Archdiocese of New Orleans (earmarked)	\$8,370,346.00
Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux	\$1,879,000.00
Diocese of Lafayette	\$1,062,000.00
Diocese of Lake Charles	\$2,551,200.00
MISSISSIPPI	
Diocese of Biloxi	\$3,000,000.00
TEXAS	
Diocese of Beaumont	\$1,090,178.00
TOTAL	\$17,952,724.00



To find out more about the work of Catholic Charities and how you can help, please call 800-919-9338 or visit our Web site at www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org



*“In the end, I believe we
are an Easter people. We
believe in resurrection.
With prayer and God’s
grace, we will rebuild.”*

Jim Kelly,
CEO, Catholic
Charities
of the Archdiocese
of New Orleans

The Challenges Ahead

From years of experience in helping communities rebuild in the wake of natural and manmade disasters, Catholic Charities USA knows that our work with the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita has just begun. As we have seen though our work after the Oklahoma City bombing, the September 11 terrorist attacks, and the 2004 Florida hurricanes, the true impact of such events on communities, especially on the mental health of residents, often does not materialize until months after a disaster.

Our ministry is about rebuilding lives, it is a ministry that addresses immediate, often tangible, needs, but then becomes about helping people find jobs, housing, and peace of mind. Catholic Charities agencies anticipate providing help to victims of the hurricanes for the next five to ten years. The entire Catholic Charities network, not just the primarily impacted agencies, will be there to support the recovery. At the same time, we have already started to prepare for another hurricane season. The lessons learned from the 2005 hurricane season has already been applied to how we are preparing for the future diasters.

The support of generous donors, Catholic Charities agencies, bishops, dioceses, parishes, and volunteers will make this challenge a reality.

As we walk this long road to recovery, may God light our path.





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A photograph of several hands stacked on top of each other, symbolizing support and care. The hands are in various shades of skin tones. One hand on the left has a white hospital identification band. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent white circle.

*Providing Help.
Creating Hope.*